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### STATE PRINTING CRAFT.

During the past few days the State printer appeared in the office of Hon. M. H. Mabry, Clerk of the Supreme Court, with an armful of objects purporting to be copies of the 45th volume of Supreme Court reports, and, dumping them down with a flourish, announced that the work thereon was completed, and that he would like to have a receipt for the same. Judge Mabry is naturally deliberate, and his judicial habit, as well as his sense of duty, prompted him to examine the objects, with a view to ascertaining the right of the printer to procure a receipt. Judge of his surprise and disgust when he found in the volumes an example of just about the rottenest piece of public work ever turned out in the State of Florida.

Of course, Judge Mabry called the attention of the Justices of the court, and the Attorney-General (to whom, in fact, the delivery should have been made, as the official Reporter of the court), to the shameful condition of the work, and those officials promptly refused to receive it, and referred the matter to the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions, whose function is to enter into contract with the State printer and see that he fulfills his contract in every particular.

At the present writing the board has the matter under advisement, but it can scarcely be possible that it will accept the work, and order payment to be made therefor, in the face of the protests of the Supreme Court Justices and the official Reporter of the court.

Among the numerous defects noted by those who have examined the volumes are, that the paper used, instead of being machine-finished, 50-pound book paper of good quality, as called for by the printing contract, appears to be almost the cheapest grade of flimsy newspaper, on which the type, aggravated by bad press work, shows through from side to side, making it almost impossible to read in many places. The forms, in some places, are reversed, bringing the paging to the inside edge of the book instead of the outside, and, of course, interrupting the continuity of the printed matter.

These "peculiarities," and many others not mentioned here, are not confined to one single, accidental copy, but are noted in all, or nearly all, of those so airily "delivered" by the State printer. How many other defects in other copies yet awaiting delivery, it is impossible to say.

The examination of these copies of Volume 45 reminded some of the Justices of the fact that Volume 44, delivered some time last year, was found to be almost, if not quite, as bad—so bad, indeed, that the Justices are ashamed to send them out to other Supreme courts in exchange, and that those who have purchased them may be expected to return them, any day, and demand refundment of the price. The printer, no doubt, received pay for Volume 44, notwithstanding its manifold defects, but, if the board allows him to be paid for Volume 45, after this exposure of as bare-faced a piece of official graft as could well be imagined, it will share with him the odium of the transaction, while he will receive the profits thereof.

Officials of the big insurance companies are now denouncing the newspapers. It is just as hard for them to be found out as it is for the politicians; but there is no wrong except that which the newspapers do by printing the facts. It can be understood that it is not agreeable to the grafters to have the newspapers exposing and shutting off graft, but it is fortunate for the public that there are not many newspapers under the control of the grafters.—DeLand Record.

Applying the above to the performances of the Jennings crowd, the Record's remarks about the value of publicity are singularly apt.

### Best Liniment on Earth.

Henry D. Baldwin, Sup't City Water Works, Shullsburg, Wis., writes: "I have tried many kinds of liniment, but I have never received much benefit until I used Ballard's Snow Liniment for Rheumatism and pains. I think it the best liniment on earth." 25c., 50c. and \$1.00. For sale by all druggists.

### THE EPPES MURDER CASE.

To-day, after the publication hour of The True Democrat, Isham Edwards will pay with his life the penalty for his part in the dastardly murder of Hon. N. W. Eppes, in September, 1904, with the particulars of which melancholy event our readers are familiar. His execution, in accordance with the sentence of the law, will not, however, close the chapter of the incidents connected with this great crime, for two others, already convicted of complicity therein, Nelson Larkin and Geo. Caldwell, are, through their legal advisers, making a desperate effort to escape the just punishment which has been decreed by the same court which condemned Edwards to an ignominious death upon the scaffold.

The application for pardon, or commutation of sentence, on behalf of Larkin and Caldwell, has been before the pardoning board for several weeks, and proceedings in their cases have been suspended, awaiting the result of their appeal, it having been announced that no final action would be taken by the board until after Edwards had been executed.

Some weeks ago Governor Broward visited the scene of the murder, for the purpose, it was said, of obtaining light upon the matter as a preliminary to the decision of the board in the cases of Larkin and Caldwell; but just how an inspection of the spot where the crime was committed, more than a year after the event, could, by any possibility, affect the decision of the board, which is supposed to act alone upon the evidence belonging to the case, or evidence that may have been discovered since the conviction, is one of those problems to which there appears to be no answer.

Again, on the occasion of Governor Broward's recent visit to Jacksonville, he is reported as having visited the condemned men in their prison, also with a view to ascertain the facts. The facts in the case, aside from the evidence of record, he could only procure from one or all of the three condemned felons. Is that the kind of testimony proper to be relied upon to sustain the action of a pardoning board?

From Edwards, the man who, before these words can be seen by a majority of our readers, will have gone to render his account in a higher than any earthly court, Governor Broward is said to have received a positive assurance that he, Edwards, was alone guilty of the crime, and that Larkin and Caldwell were innocent. Will the Governor and the board accept this statement against the legal testimony upon which Larkin and Caldwell were convicted in the court? Edwards had already told half a dozen different and irreconcilable stories about the crime. Can Governor Broward or the board assume to decide which of them was true and which was false?

It is distinctly to the credit of any member of the pardoning board that he should manifest an intense desire to learn all that is possible to be known about the events upon which the decisions of the board are to constitute the court of last resort. But such testimony as may be furnished by convicted felons is unworthy the attention, much less the deliberate consideration, of such a body.

The circumstances above referred to remind us of another case which was before the same board only a short time ago. It was not a murder case. It was one in which no one sought a reversal or modification of the sentence of the court based upon the testimony. The appeal made to the board was based purely and simply upon grounds of mercy. The application was made by a glorious company of more than three hundred noble and tender-hearted women of Leon county. Did Governor Broward or any other member of the pardoning board visit the humble home of the condemned person to verify the grounds of the application? On the contrary, when these gentle and refined champions of mercy appeared before the board, they were confronted by coarse and brutal opposition to their plea, by a paid agent of the inhuman prosecutor, whom the board permitted to insult and browbeat the petitioners; and this resulted in a refusal of the board to even consider the appeal for mercy.

The recent unusual efforts of the Governor to discover new matter bearing upon the case of the Eppes murderers, scarcely comports with the prompt and almost discourteous action of the board in the Taylor case; and the impression ensuing from a comparison of the two, so far as can be judged of the former case at this time, is anything but a creditable one.

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Cures Kidneys and Bladder Right

### A LOST REPORT.

EDITOR TRUE DEMOCRAT: Did not the Legislature order 2,000 copies of the report about the asylum, made by a House committee, and that the same be sent out to the people? What is the reason the people have never received it?

The above is the substance of a letter from a subscriber in a distant county. The facts are as follows:

On the day before the Legislature adjourned the House committee, appointed under House Resolution No. 75, and of which Hon. Charles S. Noble was chairman, submitted its report, together with the testimony taken by it at the State Hospital and elsewhere. The committee recommended that the evidence be spread on the Journal (which was done, making more than 275 pages of that document), and that 2,000 copies thereof be printed, "and copies thereof be mailed to each member of the House of Representatives and Senate, and that the Secretary of State be requested to distribute the remainder among the people of the State as fully as possible."

The report was adopted. Secretary of State H. Clay Crawford informs us that he has received the copies of the testimony, as provided in the report, and has the same for distribution to all who may apply for the same.

### THE DIFFERENCE IN MEN.

Referring to a comment of the Lake City Index on the appointment of M. A. Brown to be sheriff of Duval county, the Bartow Record remarks that some of the newspapers "seem to cuss Governor Broward just to be cussing," and calls attention to an article it copies from the Plant City Courier as "throwing some light on why they kick." The Courier's article is headed, "Rascals are all in office," and deprecates the almost universal practice of criticising adversely all office-holders, from president to constable. One paragraph is as follows:

It has been said that when a man is once elected to office, he is thereafter forevermore unfitted for any other duty in life. This may be due to the fact that whether he has served well or has been unfaithful, the chances are that he will leave office with his character blackened by some foul slander, and having served a term in office, he is as much bereft of his good name as if he had served a term in the penitentiary.

We respectfully dissent from so broad an arraignment of the American people. Taking Florida's political history alone, for illustration, we "point with pride" to the illustrious names of men who have held office in this State and in this county, whose memory and public services are cherished as a rich inheritance. Here are some of them: Drew, Bloxham, Crawford, Reynolds, Perry, Mitchell, Fleming, Barnes, Columbus Drew, Gwynn, Raney, Houstoun, Myers, L'Engle, Crill.

The difference is in the men.

### Pirating Foley's Honey and Tar.

Foley & Co., Chicago, originated Honey and Tar as a throat and lung remedy, and, on account of the great merit and popularity of Foley's Honey and Tar, many imitations are offered for the genuine. These worthless imitations have similar sounding names. Beware of them. The genuine Foley's Honey and Tar is in a yellow package. Ask for it and refuse any substitute. It is the best remedy for coughs and colds. For sale by all druggists.

### J. Emmet Wolfe.

J. Emmet Wolfe, who opposed Mr. Holloway for the State superintendency, is now Governor Broward's private secretary.—Gainesville Sun.

J. Emmet Wolfe, who last year ran against Mr. Holloway, the regular nominee of the Democratic party for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, has been appointed private secretary to Governor Broward.—Lake City Index.

Governor Broward has appointed Mr. J. Emmet Wolfe as his private secretary. Mr. Wolfe's chief claim of distinction is that he opposed Mr. Holloway, the regular nominee of the Democratic party, for the position of State Superintendent of Public Instruction, last year.—Fernandina News.

The newspapers are having a great deal to say about J. Emmet Wolfe, the newly appointed private secretary of Governor Broward, just now. But this fuss will soon die out, and then J. Emmet will sink into the same quiet oblivion that usually claims a vice-president of the United States.—West Palm Beach Sun.

It does seem as if Governor Broward might have found a competent private secretary without going outside the Democratic party. But supposing that he could not, it can hardly be said that it was necessary to flaunt defiance at loyal Democratic sentiment by appointing to that office the most conspicuous party primary bolter of recent years. Palatka News.

### Croup.

A reliable medicine, and one that should always be kept in the home for immediate use is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It will prevent the attack if given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears. For sale by all druggists.

### JENNINGS AND HIS PALS.

What Other Florida Papers Are Saying About Their Tricks.

Editor Fitzgerald, editor of the De Soto County News, recently returned from Mississippi, didn't stay away long enough to forget Governor Jennings. Plant City Courier.

"Editor John Collins has the ex-Governor's scalp hanging at his belt," declares the Apalachicola Times. If that is a fact, Collins' belt should be disinfected.—Arcadia News.

The Tallahassee True Democrat continues to charge "graft" in the State administration. As practically all of the present State officers were in the administration referred to, the Democrat should mention names.—Fernandina News.

The Tallahassee True Democrat, warming up to its subject, is showing how the people were robbed under the Jennings administration. Strange, when we are told that Jennings was giving us more for our money than any other governor. Turn on the light and let fraud be exposed.—Bronson Times-Democrat.

I am convinced that the longer a man holds a public office the less account he is, and that frequent changes are for the public good. Elect a man, and the first term he can nearly always be found at his post of duty and devoted to his business. Elect him a second and a third time, and he becomes indifferent, if not lazy, and is seldom seen in his office, leaving the duties to subordinates. A change is the only remedy, and I suggest we begin to agitate this question as a public necessity.—Citizen, in Jacksonville Metropolis.

The State printing of Florida, without great violence to polite language and none to truth, may be styled a close approximation to a scandal and a nuisance. Aside from cheap materials and imperfect execution, there comes in an element of delay that is as dangerous as it is inexcusable. The laws of the last session of the Legislature, which should have been ready for distribution within sixty days of the close of the session, are still in the unexplored region of some time later. It is not difficult to remember that the State printer was alleged in the papers to have made all sorts of promises of amendments, but they do not seem to have materialized. Present conditions are intolerable. Tampa Times.

For many years Tallahassee suffered in not having a newspaper creditable to the capital or the people of that city. Several months ago J. G. Collins launched on the sea of journalism The True Democrat, which is one of the most attractive publications in Florida. Mr. Collins is a pleasing writer, and he handles State affairs in a masterly manner. While some of his alleged disclosures may prove mere's nests, he often hits the nail on the head. He is an uncompromising foe to grafters and plunderers. He wages a relentless war against ignorance, vice and disreputable methods, and honest, upright, respectable men commend him when he makes these vigorous attacks. If Tallahassee people don't appreciate his efforts they ought to be ashamed of themselves.—Charles E. Jones, in Jacksonville Metropolis.

The Tallahassee True Democrat, in every issue, claims that there has been, and is now, rottenness and graft in many of the State offices in Tallahassee. The Democrat claims that the State has been robbed in a legal way and the people fooled, in regard to the true condition, for several years. The Democrat claims that a combination was formed in Tallahassee, known as the Capital Printing Co., which is practically owned by some of the State officers, and that this combination is fast getting rich from the people's money.

The Democrat has made some broad assertions, and yet no libel suits have been entered against them, which is evidence that the Democrat must know what it is talking about. It seems that the editorials are mostly directed towards the Comptroller's office, and there is probably room for believing that the Democrat is right. We can sight one instance in regard to the Comptroller's office which does not look exactly right. The National Government values the railroads in Florida at \$80,000,000, while the taxes placed upon the same roads in Florida by Mr. Croom is only about \$22,000,000. You notice the vast difference, for which either Mr. Croom or the National Government is wrong.

Any one acquainted with railroad property in Florida knows that they are worth more than \$22,000,000, and that amount would hardly be the worth of the East Coast, much less the A. C. L. and S. A. L. Railways. It is very evident that the big owners of property in Florida do not pay a just proportion of taxes; that is, compared with the small land owners and the poor people without influence. Not only is this the case with adjustment of taxes in Tallahassee, but it is the case in every county in Florida.—Jasper Banner of Liberty.

### No Case of Pneumonia on Record.

We do not know of a single instance where a cough or cold resulted in pneumonia or consumption when Foley's Honey and Tar had been taken. It cures coughs and colds perfectly, so do not take chances with some unknown preparation which may contain opiates, which cause constipation, a condition that retards recovery from a cold. Ask for Foley's Honey and Tar and refuse any substitute offered. For sale by all druggists.

### Store to Rent.

The store room now occupied by the Singer Machine Company, under telephone exchange, will be vacant and to rent soon. For particulars, apply at this office.

### LEON COUNTY SCHOOLS.

Assignment of Teachers to the Several Colored Schools.

- No. 2. Lincoln High School—J. G. Riley, principal; Jonas Frazier, Christine Smith, M. C. Forbes, F. G. Johnson, A. W. Fitzgiles, Carrie White, assistants.
4. Dawkins' Pond—George McGriff.
5. Belle Air—Mamie Yellowhair.
6. Zoar—Ermina Carr.
8. Moseley's—C. E. Lucas.
9. Woodville—Lilla Ryan.
10. Patton's—Celia Moore.
11. Ocklocknee—Mary Whitaker.
12. Tuskenah—H. T. Robinson.
15. Lake Hall—Ethel Ford.
16. Johnson's Branch—Mamie Fitts.
19. St. Mary's—Mamie Fitzgiles.
23. Lutterloh's—Jennie Wright.
25. Roberts'—J. H. Wester.
26. Pleasant Grove—Hasty Jenkins.
28. Gum Pond—A. Garrett.
29. Lake McBride—Mary Carr.
30. Kirksey's—Frances Baker.
31. Poplar Spring—Ellen Johnson.
32. Macon—Louise Ford.
33. Tusawilla—F. Bythewood.
34. Concord—C. Richardson.
35. Ward—Addie Jackson.
36. Bell's—M. Barber.
38. Richardson's—Violet Gardner.
43. Station One—J. H. Stroman.
50. Long Pond—Amanda Parrish.
51. Raney's—M. A. Duncan.
52. Footman's—Maggie Parrish.
55. Lafayette—Lizzie Clay.
58. Horse Shoe—R. A. McGriff.
62. Barrow Hill—Halle Lukes.
75. Sheppard's—L. C. Hills.
76. Greenhow's—A. M. Norman.
77. Miller's Pond—Julia Lennox.
81. Crenshaw's—M. Duncan.
83. Norris—E. L. Christie.
84. Rock Hill—S. F. Drew.

### Clippings from State Papers.

Among the "advisers" of Governor Broward are Guy Metcalf and Bob McNamee. Wouldn't that be a pair to draw to in the event of State insurance.—Arcadia News.

If General Gilchrist does not expect to slip into the gubernatorial chair on an okra pod, he is at least becoming famous as an authority on the subject of okra.—Fernandina News.

It is curious how things in a country depend on its fences. In the good old days of the rail fence the man who split rails was the best statesman. In these days of wire fences the leader is the man who best pulls the wires.—Tampa Times.

In view of the fact that aspiring legislative candidates can no longer promise the voters that they will amend the divorce law, we look for many promises along the line of seeing to it that the Internal Improvement Fund is properly checked and an accounting made. Not such a bad promise after all.—Fernandina News.

The Enterprise National Bank of Pittsburg affords a melancholy example of the dangers which are to be encountered by banks which go into politics and receive from politicians the custody of public funds. But the friendly politicians immediately borrowed \$760,000 of the money on their personal notes. These notes were naturally of the gilt-edged class, were slow and uncertain in payment, and the result is a broken bank and a serious scandal.—Tampa Times.

Brother Collins gives us some hot air about "equal justice to all, including the corporations." Well, we couldn't keep the corporations from getting justice if we wanted to—which we don't. They have so many weekly newspaper men working for them now that they are getting along pretty well, thank you, anyway. All we have ever objected to is the corporations attempting to control State politics, along with their influencing personal legislation, such as the Flagler law. The News has never assailed the corporations in their vested rights, but has denied, and always will deny, that they should choose senators, or write our legislation.—Monticello News.

Chairman N. P. Bryan, of the State Board of Control, has had published an article correcting some of the misleading statements made by enemies of the present scheme of education as provided for by the Buckman bill. These enemies are allowing the local benefit of the money formerly expended by the State to overshadow the good of the whole State and the education of our youth. They care not a rap for the education of our young people, but want the money that was formerly expended in their home towns. Such people are certainly not to be allowed the care of any of our colleges.—Dunnellon Advocate.

### Sells More of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy than of all Others Put Together.

Mr. Thomas George, a merchant at Mt. Elgin, Ontario, says: "I had the local agency for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy ever since it was introduced into Canada, and I sell as much of it as I do of all other lines I have on my shelves put together. Of the many dozens sold under guarantee, I have not had one bottle returned. I can personally recommend this medicine, as I have used it myself and given it to my children, and always with the best results. For sale by all druggists."

### Fine Horses.

Mr. J. D. Cay has just gotten in a fine lot of stock. See him before you purchase.

**FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR**  
stops the cough and heals lungs